

June 7, 2010 – ARRA-IDEA claim due date (but not a final claim!)

Expenditure claims for the latest ARRA-IDEA reporting period are due by **June 7, 2010**. This is not a final claim for the ARRA-IDEA funds (unless the LEA has expended the entire IDEA-ARRA allocation). The ARRA-IDEA budgets remain open until September 30, 2011.

It is very important that the LEA submits claims for the ARRA funds for expenditures made during the reporting period. This will be subject to review during the single audits performed this summer. Not submitting claims in a timely manner for expenditures made is a violation of the ARRA grant agreement made when the LEA accepted the stimulus funds. If the LEA has made ARRA-charged expenditures for the past year but has not yet submitted any claims for the expenditures, do so by June 7.

The department has received several “final claims” for ARRA-IDEA funds even though the LEA had not expended its entire ARRA allocation. We are assuming that there is confusion about the closing of the FY 2010 fiscal year or the amount budgeted versus amount allocated. If the LEA has not expended its entire ARRA-IDEA allocation, then the LEA should not be submitting a final claim for these funds.

Many LEAs have not budgeted their entire IDEA-ARRA allocation. The web-based claim pulls in the last approved budget amounts. Before submitting an IDEA-ARRA “final claim,” the business office should verify that the amount claimed matches (or is very close to) the LEA’s total IDEA-ARRA allocation.

For regular IDEA flow-through and preschool grants (non-ARRA), obligations for FY 2010 must be made by June 30, 2010. Final regular IDEA budget amendments for FY 2010 must be submitted by July 15, 2010. Final regular IDEA expenditure claims must be submitted by September 30, 2010.